

SENATE BILL 412
By Dixon

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 3, relative to registration and licensing of motor vehicles.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 3, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

(a) "HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES" license plates shall be issued on the same basis as cultural plates upon the payment of the appropriate fees. The commissioner of safety, acting in consultation with the legislative office of minority affairs, shall determine a distinctive color and design for the "HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES" license plates. The color and design selected for such plate shall collectively honor all of Tennessee's historically black colleges (i.e., Fisk University, Knoxville College, Lane College, and LeMoyne-Owen College).

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of §55-4-307, or any other law to the contrary, except as otherwise provided by subsection (c), all additional fees collected pursuant to subsection (a) shall be deposited in the fund established pursuant to §55-4-264(a), to benefit Tennessee's historically black colleges (i.e., Fisk University, Knoxville College, Lane College, and LeMoyne-Owen College).

(c) For the first fiscal year in which such license plates are issued and after deducting the expense the state has incurred in designing and manufacturing such

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license plates, funds derived from the sale of the first two hundred fifty (250) such license plates shall be distributed to the general fund, and funds derived from the sale of such license plates in excess of two hundred fifty (250) shall be distributed as otherwise provided in subsection (b). For succeeding fiscal years, all funds derived from the renewal of "HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES" license plates or from any new issues of such license plates, less any expense the state has incurred in designing and manufacturing such license plates, shall be distributed as earmarked in subsection (b) with no further payments going to the general fund from such license plates.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1997, the public welfare requiring it.